CLAIMS

1. A low-foaming herbicidal composition comprising glyphosate and a polyethyleneoxide alkanol having the formula

$$R1$$
 CH_{R3}
 (I)

- wherein R₁ and R₂ are methyl or ethyl, R₃ is a straight chain alkylene group containing from 5 to 12 carbon atoms, R₄ is an alkylene group containing 2 or 3 carbon atoms and n is from 4 to 20.
 - 2. A composition according to claim 1wherein the concentration of the glyphosate is from 240 to 550 g/l based on glyphosate acid.
- 3. A composition according to claim 1 or 2 wherein the group $(OR_4)_n$ is a poly (ethylene oxide) group, poly (propylene oxide) group or a mixed poly (ethylene oxide/propylene oxide) group.
 - 4. A composition according to any of the preceding claims wherein n is from 6 to 14.
 - 5. A composition according to claim 4 wherein n is from 6 to 10.
- 15 6. A composition according to any of the preceding claims wherein R_1 and R_2 are both methyl.
 - 7. A composition according to any of the preceding claims wherein R₃ contains from 7 to 11 carbon atoms.
- 8. A composition according to any of the preceding claims wherein the poly(alkylene oxide) alkanol of formula (I) is ethoxylated, propoxylated or mixed alkoxylated/propoxylated iso-tridecyl alcohol wherein the degree of alkoxylation is from 6 to 14.
 - 9. A composition according to claim 8 wherein the poly(alkylene oxide) alkanol of formula (1) is isotridecyl alcohol having a degree of alkoxylation of 8.
- 25 10. A composition according to any of the preceding claims wherein the concentration of the compound of formula (I) is from 1 to 50 g/l.
 - 11. A composition according to claim 10 wherein the concentration of the compound of formula (I) is from 1 to 20 g/l.

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- 12. A composition according to any of the preceding claims which contains an additional bioperformance enhancing adjuvant.
- 13. A composition according to claim 12 wherein the additional bioperformance enhancing adjuvant is an alkylglycoside.
- A composition according to claim 12 or 13 wherein the additional bioperformance enhancing adjuvant is present at a concentration of from 80 g/l to 250 g/l.
 - 15. A composition according to claim 13 or 14 which additionally contains an alkoxylated alkylamine.
- 16. A composition according to any of the preceding claims which comprises an additional anti-foam to reduce foaming of the diluted product.
 - 17. A composition according to any of the preceding claims wherein the glyphosate is a potassium salt.
 - A composition according to claim 17 wherein the concentration of the glyphosate is from 400 to 500 g/l based on glyphosate acid.
- 15 19. A composition according to any of claims 1 to 16 wherein the glyphosate is an ammonium salt.
 - 20. A composition according to claim 19 wherein the concentration of the glyphosate is from 340 to 380 g/l based on glyphosate acid.
 - 21. A composition according to claim 19 or 20 which additionally contains ammonium sulphate at a concentration of from 80 to 140 g/l.
 - 22. A method of reducing the foaming of a glyphosate concentrate composition having a concentration of from 240 to 550 g/l based on glyphosate acid which comprises incorporating in the composition a poly(alkylene oxide) alkanol of formula (I) of claim 1.
- 23. A process of severely damaging or killing unwanted plants which comprises diluting a glyphosate concentrate composition according to any of claims 2 to 20 and thereafter applying to the plants a herbicidally effective amount of said diluted composition.

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